

HAPPY HALLOWE'EN !

On 31st October, the night before **All Saints' Day**, Americans, Scots and Irish people celebrate Halloween : they **dress up** as witches and ghosts, have parties, tell ghost stories and play games. Halloween is the second biggest celebration in America after **Christmas**. Every year Americans spend more than \$2.5 billion on **sweets**, cards, costumes and decorations. More than 66 per cent of houses are decorated.

Halloween was originally a Celtic festival called **Samhain** celebrating the New Year. Celts believed that **the dead** could come back to the world on that day. So people **wore** costumes like witches and ghosts. Today, Irish and Scottish kids dress up for Halloween, and they visit houses, say “trick or treat!” and sing a **song** or tell a joke. If they don't get sweets, they **play a trick**. Irish and Scottish immigrants took Halloween to America. American kids started celebrating Halloween in the 1950s.



VOCABULARY

- All Saints' Day = la Toussaint
- to dress up = se déguiser
- Christmas = Xmas = Noël
- sweets = des bonbons

- the dead = les morts
- to wear, wore, worn = porter un vêtement
- a song = une chanson
- to play a trick = jouer un (mauvais) tour

1/ Répondez aux questions

1. Quand célèbre-t-on Halloween?

2. **Qui** célèbre Halloween (3 mots)?

3. Combien d'argent est dépensé chaque année aux USA pour cette fête ?

4. De quelle origine est Halloween et quel était son ancien nom ?

5. Que fêtait **Samhain** ?

6. Quelle est la phrase prononcée par les enfants à chaque maison?

7. Que font les enfants à chaque maison (3 choses)?

2/ les personnages

Une sorcière = _____

un fantôme = _____

Un squelette = _____

un vampire = _____

Un loup garou = _____

une chauve souris = _____

Une momie = _____

un chat noir = _____